

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Willie B. Merriner, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 9754, for Sec. 13, T. 22, Range 58 testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?
 Ans. Willie B. Merriner, 27 years old, Hull, Bascom Co., Neb.

Ques. 2.—Are you a native born citizen of the United States, and if so, in what State or Territory were you born?
 Ans. I am a native born citizen of United States. I was born in Illinois.

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 9754, at the North Platte land office on the twenty second day of March 1886, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?
 Ans. I am the identical person who made homestead entry No. 9754 at N. P. Sec. 13, T. 22, Range 58

Ques. 4.—When was your house built on the land and when did you establish actual residence therein? (Describe said house and other improvements which you have placed on the land, giving total value thereof.)
 Ans. My house was built 159 Aug. 1886. I established residence the 15th day of Aug. 1886. Stable 12x14ft. well, house 16x24ft. 15 acres brok. Value \$300

Ques. 5.—Of whom does your family consist; and have you and your family resided continuously on the land since first establishing residence thereon? (If unmarried, state the fact.)
 Ans. I am unmarried

Ques. 6.—For what period or periods have you been absent from the homestead since making settlement, and for what purpose; and if temporarily absent, did your family reside upon and cultivate the land during such absence?
 Ans. I have been absent for a month at a time to work but the homestead has been my home all the time

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon?
 Ans. The first year I cultivated 5 acres, the second 15 acres, the third 40 and 5th 15 acres. I have raised crops for five seasons.

Ques. 8.—Is your present claim within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town, or used in any way for trade and business?

Ans. It is not within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town or used in any way for trade or business.

Ques. 9.—What is the character of the land? Is it timber/mountainous, prairie, grazing, or ordinary agricultural land? State its kind and quality, and for what purpose it is most valuable.
 Ans. It is ordinary agricultural land. It is good farming land and most valuable for that purpose.

Ques. 10.—Are there any indications of coal, salines, of minerals, of any kind, on the land? (If so, describe what they are, and state whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than for mineral purposes.)
 Ans. There are indications of coal, salines or minerals of any kind on the land.

Ques. 11.—Have you ever made any other homestead entry? (If so, describe the same.)
 Ans. I have never made any other homestead entry.

Ques. 12.—Have you sold, conveyed, or mortgaged any portion of the land; and if so, to whom and for what purpose?
 Ans. I have not sold, conveyed or mortgaged any portion of the land.

Ques. 13.—Have you any personal property of any kind elsewhere than on this claim? (If so, describe the same, and state where the same is kept.)
 Ans. I have no personal property elsewhere than on this land.

Willie B. Merriner
 I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 25 day of Jan 1892

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]
J. B. Vickrey
 Clerk of Dist. Court

* (In case the party is of foreign birth a certified transcript from the court records of his declaration of intention to become a citizen, or of his naturalization, or a copy thereof, certified by the officers taking this proof, must be filed with the case. Evidence of naturalization is only required in dual (two year) homestead cases.)